(v) Dumping of the overburned on the outcrop zones which are not required to be mined.

(vi) Intensive patrolling and joint raids by CISF, State Police and the security staff of coal companies.

(vii) Meeting with local administration, District Law & Order Authorities at regular intervals.

(viii) BCCL Management has decided that for new projects in future there will be a chapter on mine closure plan in order to back-fill the worked out areas to cover exposed coal faces and fill up openings to prevent illegal mining.

(ix) BCCL and District Administration had jointly issued notices in the local newspapers for widespread publicity intimating that mining coal in abandoned mines is illegal.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply above.

Scam in CCL

†140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a scam to the tune of crores of rupees has taken place in CCL by showing the over reporting of coal;

(b) whether it is a fact that a joint team of CBI, CCL and CMPDIL has investigated into this case;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) since when this over reporting scam is being run and people found guilty for the same; and

(e) the action Government have taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) CBI carried out surprise check from 27.9.2005 to 29.9.2005 to undertake coal stock measurement at Urimari Colliery of Barka Sayal Area of CCL, with necessary assistance from CCL Vigilance

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and Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL). Further investigations are being carried out by CBI, AHD, Ranchi. However, the progress made by the CBI in this regard has not been intimated.

(d) and (e) After getting the reports of CBI, suitable action will be taken against person/persons found guilty.

Conversion of coal into liquid and gas

†141. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new technique named CTL has been invented under which coal can be converted into liquid or gas;

(b) if so, whether Coal India Limited is formulating any scheme to convert some quantity of coal reserve available in our country into said form by using the above technique; and

(c) the proposed outline of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) As per information received from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, coal can be converted to liquid fuel using Coal to Liquid Technology (CTL) where coal is gasified using modern gasification technologies in large scale plants to produce syngas which is then purified, catalytically converted to hydrocarbons and then refined to high quality fuels by using slurry phase Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis (FTS). Success of CTL is based on the property of the coal and the coal gasification technology used for producing syngas.

(b) and (c) As reported by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), they are not formulating any scheme for conversion of coal to liquid. However, Oil India Ltd. (OIL) under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas is carrying out some trial to convert coal into oil in Assam. In this context, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd., Ranchi has prepared a pre-feasibility study on availability of coal from North Eastern Coalfields of CIL for commercial coal liquefaction plant of 0.1.L.

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